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GRANT APPLICATION ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD STATEWIDE

January 3, 2007 – The Virginia Commission for the Arts announces a series of statewide grant workshops to be held in January 17 – February 6, 2007. Workshop locations include: Richmond, Charlottesville, Norfolk, Martinsville, Bristol, Blacksburg, Lexington, Culpepper and Arlington. Workshops will offer information about the grant award programs of the Virginia Commission for the Arts in preparation for the March 1, and April 2, 2007 application deadlines. Workshops are free and open to the public. Preregistration is not required. Attendance at the workshop is not required in order to apply for funding from the Commission; however, it can be helpful in preparing requests for funding. For more information, please visit the Commission website at www.arts.virginia.gov or call (804) 225-3132.

Workshop presenters, Cathy Welborn, Program Coordinator and Tatjana Franke Beylotte, Arts in Education Coordinator, will provide insight into funding, application and review procedures, as well as general tips on preparing competitive proposals.

Commission grant programs include: General Operating Support Grants for Arts Organizations, Project Grants for Organizations, Local Government Challenge Grants, Artist-In-Education Residency Grants, Teacher Incentive Grants, Artist Roster, Technical Assistance Grants, Technology Enhancement Grants, Artist Fellowship Grants, and the Touring Assistance and Writers in Virginia programs.

Application forms and publications will be available at each two-hour workshop. Persons requiring the services of an interpreter for the hearing impaired at a workshop should contact the Commission office at least one week in advance of the workshop.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts is the state agency that supports the arts through funding from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Commission distributes grants to arts and other not-for-profit arts organizations, educational institutions, educators, artists, and local governments. The Commission also provides financial assistance for technical assistance and assistance in arts management.

Virginia Commission for the Arts Application Assistance Workshops will be held in the following locations: (*Note:* for specific directions or details for parking for the workshop you wish to attend, please contact the host sites directly in advance of the meeting day.)

RICHMOND

Wednesday, January 17, 2007 10:00am - 12pm

Art6 Gallery

6 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 343-1406 http://art6.org

CHARLOTTESVILLE

Thursday, January 18, 2007 10:00am – 12:00pm

Second Street Gallery

115 Second Street SE Charlottesville, VA 22902 Phone: 434.977.7284

www.secondstreetgallery.org

NORFOLK

Friday, January 19, 2007 10:00am – 12:00pm

d'Art Center

208 E. Main Street Norfolk, VA 23510 Phone: 757-625-4211 www.d-artcenter.org

MARTINSVILLE

Monday, January 29, 2007 11:00am – 1:00pm

Piedmont Arts Association

215 Starling Avenue Martinsville, VA 24112 Phone: (276) 632-3221 www.piedmontarts.org

BRISTOL

Tuesday, January 30, 2007 10:00am—12:00pm

Virginia Intermont College

1013 Moore Street Bristol, VA 24201 (276) 466-7912 www.vic.edu

BLACKSBURG

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 10:00am - 12:00pm

Lyric Theatre

135 College Avenue Blacksburg, VA 24063 Phone: (540) 951-4770 www.thelyric.com

LEXINGTON

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 5:00 pm – 7:00pm Washington and Lee University

Lenfest Center for the Arts

100 Glasgow Street (note: Intersection of Nelson St., Rte. 60, and Glasgow Street)

Lexington, VA 24450 Phone: (540) 458-8001 http://lenfest.wlu.edu/

CULPEPPER

Monday, February 5, 2007 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Windmore Foundation for the Arts

113 South Commerce Street Culpepper, Virginia 22701 Phone: (540) 727-8777 www.windmore.org

ARLINGTON

Tuesday, February 6, 2007 4:00pm – 6:00pm Arlington Arts Center 3550 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, Virginia 22201

www.arlingtonartscenter.org

Phone: (703) 248-6800

For more information about the Virginia Commission for the Arts and links to other funding sources, visit www.arts.virginia.gov or call the Commission office at 804/225-3132.